



The King County Children and Family Commission

Safe Communities Phase II Questions and Answers

The following questions were asked of Commission staff by Safe Communities Phase II applicants during the period of June 26, 2006 through July 14, 2006.

Questions and Answers:

Q: Can you tell me more about the matching requirement for currently funded projects?

A: Currently funded projects must meet the minimum match requirement of 35%. The most competitive currently funded projects will exceed the minimum match requirement of 35%. For example, all other things being equal, a currently funded agency with a 45% match would be more competitive than a currently funded agency with the minimum 35% match.

Q: Does the 35% match requirement refer to the total amount of the project or does it refer to the amount requested from the Commission? For example, the amount requested from the Commission in our case is \$75,000. The total project cost is \$125,000. Do we have to come up with 35% of the \$75,000 we are requesting or 35% of the total project cost of \$125,000.

A: The 35% match requirement refers to the total cost of the project. Referring to the example above, the agency would need to come up with a 35% match of the total project cost of \$125,000.

Q: What about in-kind contributions? Can they be counted towards the 35% match?

A: In-kind contributions may not be counted towards the required minimum 35% cash match unless the applicant specifically asks for an exception as part of this application. An agency may ask for an exception by attaching a separate sheet to attachment 4 specifically requesting the exception and identifying which specific in-kind support is being used as part of the 35% match requirement.

Exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the CFC may choose to exclude certain types of in-kind contributions. Exceptions will only be granted for In-kind contributions that have an easily identified fair market value such as office space, staff salary, and supplies. An agency proposing an in-kind contribution would not be considered as competitive as an agency able to fully meet the matching requirements without having to use in-kind contributions.

Q: In regards to the evaluation questions in the Phase II application. Is it acceptable for an agency to use its own internal evaluation process or does the Commission require that an agency use an outside evaluation?

A: Whatever type of an evaluation an agency uses it must be valid. An agency may use either its own evaluation or an outside evaluation to measure program outcomes and effectiveness.